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SUBJ: SMITHSONIAN/SFCP-GRANT FR5-54002,
"PREHISTORIC STUDIES OF THE SIWA OASIS"

REF: STATE 155320; CAIRO 6650

1. SMI REGRETS SHORT NOTICE TO EMBASSY ON HASSAN PROJECT. INFORMATION WAS CONVEYED TO DEPARTMENT IN A LISTING OF PROPOSED SMI/SFCP PROJECTS UNDER MEMO OF MAY 12, 1975, BUT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN DELAYED IN TRANSMISSION TO EMBASSY.
2. HASSAN DEPARTED U.S. JUNE 30, 1975, EXPECTED TO ARRIVE CAIRO EVENING JULY 8. HASSAN PLANNED CALL AT EMBASSY SOONEST AND WILL BE ABLE TO DISCUSS SCOPE OF PROJECT. PROPOSED AIRGRAM TRANSMITTING GRANT INCLUDING PROJECT DESCRIPTION LEFT SMI JULY 3.
3. HASSAN INFORMED SMI THAT DESERT PERMITS FOR SIWA HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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BEEN ARRANGED BY DR. RUSHDI SAID, DIRECTOR, EGYPTIAN GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. THE PROJECT IS TO BE DONE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND ALL NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE THROUGH DR. SAID, WHO WILL HIMSELF PARTIC-

IPATE.

4. TWO MEMBER FIELD TEAM (MRS. HASSAN AND PATRICIA CRATTY - BOTH GEOLOGISTS) WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO FOLLOW HASSAN TO CAIRO IS NOW BEING HELD UP PENDING CLARIFICATION BY EMBASSY THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH HASSAN AND RUSHDI SAID REGARDING SENSITIVITY OF SIWA STUDY. MEANWHILE, SMITHSONIAN DESIRES THAT HASSAN BE GUIDED BY AMBASSADOR'S JUDGMENT ON WHETHER OR NOT TO PROCEED WITH PROJECT.

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